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EDITORIAL.

THE new year starts out under the most favorable of auspices. A general renovating of the college buildings, great improvement in the appearance of the campus, a recent legacy and a general feeling of brightness and enthusiasm form rather incongruous but certainly substantial grounds for auguring a most successful college year. The entering class, though not quite equalling that of last year in numbers, is fully up to the Middlebury standard, and that means much to those who appreciate the work of our college.

WE are glad to note here a fact probably already known to most of our readers, that by the will of the late James Barclay Jermain, the well-known philanthropist of Albany, N. Y., Middlebury College receives about $37,500 for the endowment of a professorship in Political Economy and International Law. It is gratifying to all friends of the college that she is remembered substantially from time to time by those who have the power to increase her efficiency by their gifts. An investment in an educational institution yields far more than money; it yields an interest in men and women, better fitted to do good work in life. Middlebury has a record which demands recognition from students of educational affairs, and we are proud that her efficiency has been recognized as it has.

ONE of the greatest evils of free immigration to this country is that the foreigners, even though legally naturalized, are slow to adopt our customs and to catch the spirit of our institutions. At the risk of a poor metaphor we would like to call attention to the difference in the naturalization of a new student at Middlebury College. College loyalty and enthusiasm seem to be in the atmosphere and to form part of the tonic of our Green Mountain air. Here one feels himself a material part of the college at once, without waiting to learn customs or traditions. The larger college awes the freshman by its greatness, the small college welcomes him fully into itself at the beginning of his connection with it. We are fortunate in belonging to an institution that can at once command respect for its record and love for what it promises to become to us.

FOR the benefit of the new class and any others whose minds may not be clear on the subject, we will state briefly the method and conditions of election to the editorial staff of THE UNDERGRADUATE. After the March issue has gone to press, the retiring board elect its successors on the basis of general excellence, as shown, both by the quality and quantity of the contributions of contestants. Contributions to at least three issues are necessary for election, and may be made in any department of the paper. We do not intend this year to print any requests for literary

mediately connected with the college in an official capacity, only two books have been added to the library by our alumni in the last fifteen months. It is especially desirable that all the published works of alumni should be upon our shelves and the co-operation of all towards accomplishing this end is earnestly solicited.

The purchased additions have been more numerous than ever before in proportion to the amount of money appropriated, but great care has been taken to secure good and serviceable editions of works, actually needed in the various departments of instruction, or for reference and general use.

The total number of volumes loaned has been 3025, a considerable increase over the loans of last year. The library, too, has been used more extensively than ever before as a place for study and research, and is proving itself in growing measure a center of the college educational life.

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE,
June 28, 1897.

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'68. Prof. E. H. Higley of Groton, Mass., delivered an address at the New Hampshire College on their Commencement Day, June 9, on "The Historical Method."

'69. Col. F. D. Mussey died at the home of his sister, Mrs. E. P. Russell, Sunday, June 27, after a lingering illness. He was born in Mendon, Vt., 51 years ago. He came to Middlebury at an early age and prepared for college in the Addison County Grammar School. He was with Gen. Butler at New Orleans when 15 years of age. He graduated from Middlebury College in 1869 and became principal of the Essex Classical Institute, going from there into newspaper work. He rose rapidly in his profession and was offered a place with the Cincinnati Times, under Joseph H. Barrett of the class of '45, and commissioner of pensions under Lincoln. Murat Halstead of the Cincinnati Commercial soon made Mr. Mussey one of the Commercial's Washington correspondents and later he became the head of their Washington bureau. He was private secretary to Gov. Charles Foster and married his daughter, from whom he was afterwards separated. He was a member of the Chi Psi fraternity in the college.

'74. The Rev. C. C. Gove, head master of Cary Collegiate Seminary, Oakfield, N. Y., delivered an address before the Convocation of the Regents at their recent session in the senate chamber, Albany, on "School Rhetoricals." Mr. Gove has now been eight years in his present position. Both the seminary and St. Michael's parish, of which he is rector, have had a period of increasing prosperity.

'83. Rev. Claude M. Severance, who returned from Japan some time ago, where he had been engaged in missionary work, has been appointed pastor of the Denison Avenue Congregational Mission by the Congregational Missionary Society.

'84. In the Catskill *Examiner* is a three column report of a sermon delivered by Rev. E. P. Miller for the purpose of creating renewed enthusiasm over the building of the new church there, progress on which has been stayed for some time. The accompaning sketch of the church shows a beautiful structure and it is hoped that the church may be pushed rapidly to completion.

'89. Mr. Robert M. Collins, for several years of the Associated Press in Washington, has been transferred to the London bureau of that organization. Mr. Collins for a long time was stationed at the Capitol, and his work for the Associated Press there and in New York city has been of such a high character as to place him in the front rank of journalists. He will, shortly after his arrival in London, take a prominent part in reporting the ceremonies attending the queen's jubilee. Mr. Collins will also have charge of the reporting of English politics for the Associated Press.

best that no other college in the country can equal Middlebury's record of achievement, when the smallness of her income is taken into account. It is a record of whole-hearted devotion and business sagacity, of which her friends may well be proud.

Like the great majority of colleges, Middlebury lives up to the limit of her income; unlike great numbers of them, though, especially in these troubled times, she does not live beyond it, and the past three years have seen additions of some $300,000 to her productive funds. The latest is one of $37,500 for the department of political science, a bequest from the late James B. Jermain of Albany, whose will has during the past week been made public. Besides the improvements already inaugurated as a result of growing means, others are confidently anticipated. It is hoped that the coming centennial will see the dedication of a new library building. Plans for it have already been prepared under the direction of Dr. H. H. Vail of New York, a member of the class of '60 and an official of the American Book Company; if they materialize in stone, Middlebury can boast of a $60,000 "book-house" with a combination unfortunately rare—a beautiful design and a thoroughly up-to-date interior arrangement.

Such, briefly outlined, is Middlebury College as it has been and as it is—a sound, trustworthy institution, conservative and yet fully awake to the best in educational movement; one of many on the North Atlantic seaboard that are doing splendid service and bidding for the western boy. Whether the western boy should go is, of course, a debatable question. Time was when the move could be argued for because of the better training, but no one in his senses would make such a claim to-day. Another point, however, is not often enough considered. It is the belief of the writer that in the interests of a broader citizenship based on more adequate knowledge of the varied phases of our national life, a growing exchange between east and west of their college-going commodity would be mutually advantageous. Be that as it may, scores of western students, for one reason or another, will each year seek the eastern college. To all such Middlebury extends a hearty welcome, a hundred years of noble history behind her and the future bright ahead. Not unimportant among the advantages she offers is the light expense attending the education she affords. "A maximum of training at a minimum of cost" is what she claims to furnish, and those to whom the claim appeals will find that the facts uphold it.

SOME INCIDENTS OF NAVY LIFE IN THE WAR.

(This article was written by Rev. E. J. Ranslow, '66, in kind answer to a request by the editor for an account of some experience during the late war).

So far as Miiddlebury College and the war is concerned I know little beside my own personal experience. Of course the feeling ran high among the men in college, and in common with all the North we rejoiced in victories and mourned over defeats. I remember well an old cannon taken from the British in the battle of Plattsburg which did valiant service in celebrating Gettysburg, and how "she roared" on that occasion. True, there was this drawback: the vent was so large that it took immense charges of powder, so our pockets gave out long before our patriotic souls did. Evidently the faculty were afraid that some damage would come to us, for they buried the piece back of the college and ploughed the field. Well, it took a good deal of triagulation and figuring to locate it, but it was done, and again she spoke her sentiments. Then the faculty carried off the gun in the night, and we never saw her more.

As my own service was in the navy, I did not see any of the other students while doing duty. That service was uneventful so far as great deeds are concerned. All the forts of the Atlantic coast had been taken except Fort Fisher before I enlisted, which was in the summer of 1864. My experience, such as it was, I give in brief. As a green country lad who had never looked upon the sea, I entered the old guard ship Ohio off Charlestown navy yard, there to await for six weeks my order in being dratted for some active service. This ship was a shame to the country. Twenty-five hundred men were crowded on her, and we had no opportunity, to speak of, for washing or keeping decent. The result was that we became a mass of vermin, as much so as if we had been in Andersonville. It has always appeared to me utterly useless, for the men could have been kept on shore as well as on this old hulk. Finally about three hundred and fifty of us were drafted for the Brooklyn, a ship of good repute, perhaps as much so as any one in the navy. She was a second-class frigate with screw propeller, and carried twenty-four guns, twenty being nine-inch Dahlgrens and four

contributions from the student body. Desire for a position on the editorial board will have to suffice for encouragement to write. If any one does not think enough of the paper to contribute to it, he has a right to his opinion. He might be able to improve it, but a college paper seems to be expected to run automatically, writing its own copy and reading its own proof. The mistake is a popular one, but a mistake nevertheless. Some one must do the work, and we trust the undergraduate body will feel in responsibility in the matter. If you want a good paper, make it so.

MIDDLEBURY PAST AND PRESENT.

The following article on Middlebury College is extracted from the Chicago Inter Ocean of Aug. 23, 1897. It is the hope of THE UNDERGRADUATE to present to its readers during the coming year a series of articles of a historic nature, dealing with various phases of Middlebury's career, and the present sketch may serve as an introduction:

It was away back in 1800 that the legislature of Vermont gave the desired charter of incorporation to certain petitioners and Middlebury College entered on its work. The site chosen could hardly have been more delightful. From a rise of ground in the village whose name it bears and whose chief attraction it has been through all the years, the college looks out on a landscape of exceptional beauty. "The little college among the mountains," it was called by ex-Minister E. J. Phelps in a speech at a Harvard dinner; it was a happy phrase, for mountains are the background both east and west. At the foot of the hill flows the Otter, its shaded waters for miles above cut for generations by the prows of undergraduate boats. Four miles eastward across the rolling valley rise the first of the Green Mountains, with peaks of the farther ranges lifted here and there above them. Westward beyond Lake Champlain the Adirondacks make a noble barrier; the highest mountains of the group are almost opposite, Marcy, thirty-seven miles in an air-line from the college belfry, pushing up its perfect cone beyond the shoulder of Dix. The air gives evidence of where it comes from; it is full of the vigor it imparts. Visitors grow ashamed of ravenous appetites and gain in weight with the days, while student capacity, everywhere great, rises permanently to the phenomenal. Surely, as far as location goes there is little left to desire.

But surroundings do not make a college. Output is, of course, the supreme test, and it is on output that Middlebury has ever, and with reason, felicitated herself. It is a matter for congratulation that in the collegiate data published in The Forum a while ago by President Thwing of Western Reserve University, she ranks among the leaders in the per centum of graduates who have attained distinction. Her "bead roll" is indeed a proud one. To Silas Wright among statesmen, Henry N. Hudson among men of letters, John G. Saxe among poets, Edward J. Phelps among jurists, and Truman M. Post among pulpit orators, could be added many another, did space permit, to illustrate her distinctive product, "the Middlebury man."

The century has not gone by without viscissitudes, but the high reputation of the college was early established. It is a current story that when Mark Hopkins assumed the presidency of Williams he declared that if he could bring the institution up to the standard of Middlebury he would be abundantly satisfied; and one year in the later '30's the graduating class of Middlebury is said to have outnumbered that of Harvard. The war, however, made inroads on the college directly proportioned to undergraduate loyalty. To many students their country seemed a "dearer mother" and how they responded to her call has been shown in a recently published article by Colonel A. F. Walker. Colonel Walker himself enlisted before graduation and on commencement day rode in from where his company was stationed, delivered his oration in soldier's dress, and returned directly afterward to camp.

The damaging effects of the war, though, have gradually been overcome and prosperity is again apparent. The work done within the college walls was never so substantial and progressive as it is today. The courses of study combine the required and the elective in a way productive of gratifying results. The faculty contains able and energetic men, in the prime of life, and devoted to the welfare of the institution. Year by year the wooded campus gains in beauty and the returning alumnus finds mingled with the old familiar landmarks the abundant evidence of growth. Best of all, for by it the rest is rendered possible, the endowment steadily increases. It is the firm belief of those who know the situation

leader of the missionary conference; Miss Carson and Miss Condé, in charge of the devotional hours; Mrs. Nowell, in charge of the Devotional and Mr. Beaver in charge of the Personal Workers Bible Class; Mr. Moody, Dr. Torrey, President Butler, Dr. Little, Dr. Henry C. Mabie, Mrs. and Miss Wilder, Dr. Pauline Root, Mrs. Sangster, Mr. Atkins and Mr. Nowell.

The classes and conference at Northfield come in the morning, preceded by the devotional service; the afternoon is given up to resting, theoretically, but is often in reality a very busy time, given to personal interviews, committee, delegation, cabinet and student volunteer meetings; and the day ends with the round top service at seven, the auditorium meeting at eight, and the "cottage prayer meetings" at the various halls. The regular program was varied somewhat unfortunately by rains, but more fortunately by college and field-day exercises. College day has ordinarily an afternoon by itself, but this year, owing to the untimely interruptions on the part of the weather, it was thought best to combine field and college day. So all one afternoon the grounds in front of Marquand were gay with girls in all sorts of gowns and colors, they re-echoed to musical calls and unmusical yells, and were the scene of many athletic successes, and consequent defeats. The athletes presented a varied program; we went with enthusiastic attention from pole vaulting to potato racing, from throwing the base ball to running three-legged races, enjoying all with the zest of true college girls out for fun.

But the real Northfield is earnest, serious, and almost sacred. We went to Northfield because we believed that God sent us there to learn more of Him if we would, to teach some one about Him if we could, and listen for the sound of His voice, to go apart with Him and rest awhile. And it can scarcely be that any one came away feeling that those ten days had not been greatly blessed for her. There was a quiet, steady, natural growth in many Christian lives—the effect following the cause. It was God's voice that we heard; it was His love and His will that we sought to know, and there, together, we tried to see how we might best and most nearly put into action the inspiration we found while we talked and studied together. And the words of one of the young women found an echo in our hearts when she prayed: "God, keep me close to thee. Keep my senses so attuned that the still small voice, so audible to me here, may not be drowned and unheard through so much of my life. Without it I faint and fall and stumble by the way; with it I am strong and hopeful."

MARY GERRISH HIGLEY.

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CLASS OF '97.

Bridgham is teaching Greek in Pulaski Academy, Pulaski, N. Y.

Brown is principal of Beeman Academy at New Haven. On July 14, at Cohoes, N. Y., he was married to Jessie Pearl Brooks, who is now assisting him in the school.

Cadwell is with the Vermont Marble Company at Proctor.

Haydon is not yet definitely settled.

Parkhurst was around college for a few days in the beginning of the term. He has been canvassing for nursery stock this summer.

Piper is teaching in Waitsfield, Vt.

Russell is teaching English in Cayuga Lake Military Academy, N. Y.

Whitney is with ex-Gov. Carroll S. Page at Hyde Park, Vt., engaged in the hide and tallow business.

Miss Dunbar is teaching in the Castleton Normal School.

Miss Gerould is teaching school in West Wilton, N. H.

Miss Goodwin is at her home in Thetford, Vt.

Miss Gordon is taking a post-graduate course at Brown University.

rifled Parrotts. Here my woes unnumbered began. As a common sailor my position was several degrees lower than it would have been if I had been enterprising and got into State's prison. My complete ignorance also of all matters marine did not tend to smooth my path. The strapped officers, while strict to the last degree, treated us well, but we were the sport of all the petty officers, who made the most of their brief authority. A large share of our duty was the routine of taking care of the ship, drilling at the sails and at the guns. In one sense it was not hard, but we were on duty in a sense all the time, and under somebody's eye all the time. The fleet took part in the attack on Fort Fisher, and it was on Christmas day while we were pitching shells into that fort, that Starr Hall burned with all my college belongings. Probably this was a just judgment on me for hindering the loyal cause by enlisting. But if I gave nothing I got nothing, so the sheet is balanced. Our clothes were charged to us and as they were pretty good, and the hammock, etc., cost twenty-six dollars and we were apt to lose them overboard so as to pay for them twice within short periods, when, at the close of the war, I was discharged at Norfolk, I was in debt to the gentleman called Uncle Sam just seven dollars. I had never a cent of bounty nor monthly pay except in clothes, and fortunately did not use tobacco. The seven dollars I borrowed of a comrade from Maine, an entire stranger, and the government was generous enough to carry me to Baltimore free. Here I was dropped, as cats not wanted are turned out of bags in lone fields, and, turning tramp, I begged money from various strangers along the route and worked my way by easy stages to my home. Next to the Phi Beta Kappa I prize the soci ety of tramps. Though my service was short, it made a strong impression on my memory. I remember indistinctly the bombardment of the fort when six hundred heavy guns did duty, perhaps the most terrific concentration of artillery known to history; but I remember clearly the burnt bean soup served four days in the week. Two barrels of pork and a barrel of beans all dumped into the galley copper. Of course it would burn, and smell rank to heaven by ten o'clock, while we dined at twelve. Oh my! that burned bean soup—it is in my system now. The bombardment was great, but the soup was greater.

Everything done on ship was by system, and I will bear testimony that the higher officers understood their business perfectly. We had no occasion, as in the army, to often find fault with the ignorance of our leaders. But the utterly servile position was to the last degree irksome to any one who cared for personal liberty.

My service was short and not dangerous, as army life then was, but when I bade adieu to the ship I felt as the criminal out west who was "sent up" for ten years: "Judge, it is enough. I would be a hog to ask for more."

CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS.

Miss Mary Higley attended the Young Women's Conference at Northfield, Mass., in July as a delegate from the local Y. W. C. A. She took the place of Miss Brainerd, who was unable to attend.

Sept. 18, the members of the association received the college women from 4 to 6 o'clock in the phrontisterion. Dainty refreshments were served, and a pleasant two hours were spent.

The Y. M. and Y. W. C. A tendered a reception to the new students Saturday, Sept 25, in the phrontisterion and Y. M. C. A. room.

Sunday, Sept. 19, the Y W C. A. held a special service. The subject considered was "The Development of Christian Character During College Life." Professor Wright and Professor Sanford spoke very helpfully. The meeting was much enjoyed by the number who attended.

The attendance at the Y. M. C. A. has been about twenty-five for the first meetings. It is expected that at least nine new members will join this fall.

NORTHFIELD ECHOES.

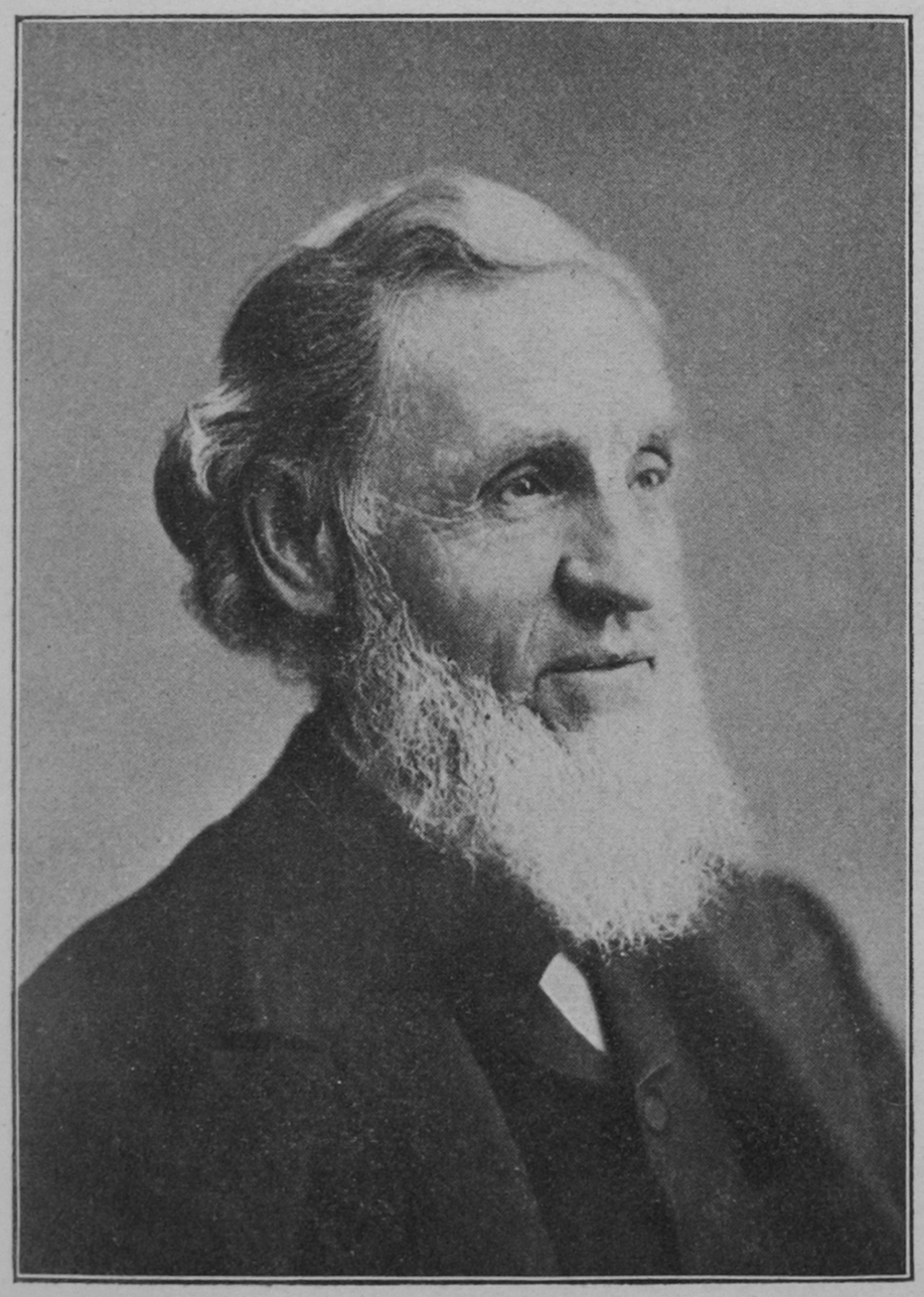
The Young Women's Conference at Northfield this summer, July 9–20, was attended by about three hundred women, and it is claimed by those who go often to Northfield that the conference was an unusually helpful one in many ways. The mere mention of the speakers' names will be sufficient to indicate this, for among such people as were with us there, could we fail to receive inspiration? Our speakers' and leaders' list contained the following names: Miss Price at the head of the conference; Miss Brooks, leader of the college conference; Miss MacColl, leader of the city conference; Mr. Lewis,

congress of prison officials to be held in Austin, Texas, in the latter part of October.

'56. Judge W. H. Nichols of Randolph spent the summer in California. During his absence his daughter, Anna Nichols, ex-'99, took his place in the probate office.

'48. We are in receipt of a little volume of "German and English Lyrics," from the pen of President Rankin of Howard University. Critics speak highly of it, and in our next issue we will publish a review of the book, as it is worthy of more careful attention than we have yet had time to devote to it.

'47. We give in this number an excellent likeness of one of our older alumni, Rev. Asa Elmore Everest



REV. A. E. EVEREST, '47.

of the class of '47. Mr. Everest, a sketch of whose life we published in our June number, was present at Commencement with three others of his class, out of the six surviving members.

PI BETA PHI CONVENTION.

The Pi Beta Phi fraternity held their biennial convention at Madison, Wis., July 5th to 12th, 1897. There were present delegates from all chapters, excepting Louisiana Alpha, besides very many visitors of both alumnæ and active members. One of the members of the original chapter of 1867 came from Monmouth, Ill., to present to the convention a beautiful little gavel, as a slight token of the regard of the old chapter, all of whom are now living.

The receptions, boat ride, model initiation and banquet, which filled the leisure hours, will never be forgotten by any participants. The entertaining chapter was a large one and filled completely the position of hostess, showing in every way that renowned and genuine spirit of western hospitality.

Vermont Alpha was represented by Miss Fanny M. Sutton.

LIBRARY NOTES.

The "Botanical Gazette" for August contains the third of Prof. Burt's series of articles on the "Phalloideæ of the United States."

During the afternoon hours of a larger part of the summer vacation the library was open to visitors and was much patronized by alumni and others in town.

In the current number of Poet Lore (July–Sept.) Prof. Wright has an appreciative comment in verse, entitled "The two felicities," on a quatrain of William Watson's, the whole being appended to the Pompilia monologue of Browning's "The Ring and the Book."

Edwin D. Howe, Esq. (class of '87), has presented the library with copies of digests of the "Village laws" and "Fees of town and county officers" of the state of New York, edited by him in collaboration with Frank S. Becker, Esq.

Hon. Daniel Roberts (class of 1829), has recently sent to the library, with the inscription, "To my Alma Mater," copies of his well-known "Digest of Decisions of the Supreme Court of Vermont" and the "Supplement" to the same.

The library is indebted to Prof. C. F. Langworthy (class of '87), who is one of the editors of the "Experiment Record" of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, for an advance copy of Farmer's Bulletin No. 58, containing a report by him on "Soy beans as food for man."

The library has again to thank Hon. John W. Stewart for books donated—a four-volume set in half morocco of "The New England States." Vol. 2 contains an excellent account of the higher institu-

Miss Holden is at her home in Worcester, Mass.

Miss Janes will stay a year at home before starting teaching.

Miss Rockwood is teaching at Richmond, Vt.

Miss Towle is at home in Jamestown, N. Y.

'96. Wilcox is Professor of Sciences in Racine College.

'96. Miss Mary O. Pollard is teaching in the Middlebury High School.

'96. Friends of Albert Wales will be glad to hear that he is rapidly recovering from his long illness.

'96. H. P. Williamson is teaching French and German in the Rugby school, just out of Chicago.

'96. C. W. Prentiss has entered Harvard, to take a post-graduate course in zoology, leading to the degree of Ph. D.

Ex-'96. Ernest W. Sniffen is with the Morse Twist Drill and Machine Co., New Bedford, Mass. His address is 483 County street.

'96. Elmer H. Cutts and Miss Alice Florence Tyler were united in marriage July 21. Their home will be in Chicago, where Mr. Cutts is studying medicine.

'95. Miss Palmer is principal of the Albion, N. Y., High School.

'94. Laura S. Clark is teaching at Montpelier, Vt.

'94. Bertha E. Ranslow resumes her duties in the high school at Swanton, Vt., for another year.

'93. Prof. and Mrs. C. E. Hesselgrave and daughter Ruth spent the summer at Ludlow.

'93–'94. H. G. Megathlen, '93, and Miss Ritchie, '94, were married in the latter part of June. Their home is in Fall River, Mass.

'85. A few issues back we published an appreciative recognition of "The Shadow Christ," by Rev. Gerald Stanley Lee, which has been received with so great praise alike in this country and England. In the Critic of June 26 is an article on this gifted author by Rev. John Sheridan Zelie of Cleveland, O., a non-graduate member of the class of '87 from Middlebury. To those who would enter into the spirit of Gerald Stanley Lee's originality of thought and power of expression we would recommend a careful reading of this critical article before the reading of the author himself. In the Chap-Book of June 15 is a short discussion by him of "The Decline of Ignorance" which presents thoughts which we may sometimes have vaguely touched, in a vivid, striking way. Mr. Lee is a frequent contributor to many of the leading papers and magazines of the day, and it is said he will eventually collect into a volume his varied essays and reviews. In the number of the Critic which contains the sketch by Mr. Zelie is an excellent likeness of Mr. Lee.

'79. Rev. W. Hulbert, of Cleveland, O., had an article in the Independent of Sept. 16, on "The Current Topic Club."

'77. Rev. J. Mervin Hull of Weston, Mass., spent his vacation at Ludlow. Several articles from his pen have recently appeared in various young people's papers.

'74. Rev. O. A. Spoor has been appointed postmaster at Winooski.

'74. Rev. T. W. Darling of Wentworth, N. H., was in town recently for a few days on business.

'69. Dr. Henry S. Baker, we learn from a Worcester, Mass., paper, was in the east this summer, attending the summer school of Clark University. The clipping calls Dr. Baker the leader of the little party of teachers from Minnesota, giving a short sketch of his life and work in the schools in the east and later in the west. Dr. Baker is principal of the Jefferson school. Besides holding this exacting position, Dr. Baker is a member of the committee appointed by the State Teachers' association to prepare a course of study for the graded schools of Minnesota, his special department being geography. He is also a member of the board which examines all candidates for state certificates and endorses college diplomas. In 1895 he read a paper at the American Institute of Instruction held at Portland, Me., upon "The relations of fatigue to social and educational progress," which attracted much attention, and some adverse criticisms from those who were not familiar with the latest researches in regard to fatigue. Dr. Baker has taken a complete theological course, and is thereby fully prepared to accept the results of the researches made at Clark in the field of psychology and related subjects. Dr. Baker is one of four who are completing a fourth term at the Clark University summer school.

'66. Rev. E. J. Ranslow has been appointed one of a commission of three to represent Vermonat tt he

Cecile M. Child,	Weybridge.
David F. Clark,	Cedar Rapids, Ia.
Gertrude E. Cornish,	Worcester, Mass.
Charlotte M. Johnson,	West Brattleboro.
Marianne F. Landon,	New Haven.
Ellsworth C. Lawrence,	Monkton Ridge.
Lewis W. Lawrence,	Lyon Mountain, N. Y.
Willard D. Mathewson,	Bristol.
Robert W. McCuen,	Vergennes.
Allan D. Millard,	Great Barrington, Mass.
Allen H. Nelson,	East Middlebury.
John E. Parker,	West Rutland.
Willard Perrigo,	Antwerp, N. Y.
George H. Ranslow,	Swanton.
Fannie E. Smith,	Worcester, Mass.
Bert L. Stafford,	Tinmouth.
Roy S. Stearns,	Bristol.
Lena Berniece Thomas,	Middlebury.
Henry C. Tong,	New Haven.
Florence J. Walker,	Pembroke, N. H.
Mildred A. Weld,	New Haven.
Glenn W. White,	Ludlow.

LOCALS.

One of the rooms in Starr Hall has been fitted up as a bicycle room.

Hubbard, '99, and H. E. Smith, '99, have gone to U. V. M. Hubbard is in football there.

Thompson and Bingham, '99, have opened a college bookstore, and are doing a successful business.

This year the Sophomores will appear on the chapel stage with one oration during the fall term.

The concert given by the "Three Bostonians" for the benefit of the athletic association was very successful.

The Freshmen have challenged the Sophomores to a cane rush. As we go to press the challenge has not been accepted.

The Pi Beta Phi society gave a corn roast in the Eddy lot on the evening of Sept. 30, to several of their gentlemen friends.

A concrete walk has been put in, during the summer, from the Congregational church to the station, making good walks from college down through to the trains.

At a meeting of the Athletic Association on Sept. 25, one hundred dollars was raised for football. The team is practicing steadily, and ought to develop some good material.

The college boarding hall is again running successfully. About 40 of the students are stopping there. The officers for this year are: Dunton, '98, treasurer, and Lobban, '98, commissary.

Prof. Henckels has moved into the new house recently built for the college. The house is situated opposite the college park and faces the chapel. It is very beautiful in design and conveniently located for the professor.

Vermont Alpha of Pi Beta Phi, together with Mrs. Roseman of Bristol, formed a Pi Beta Phi camp at Highgate Springs, Vt., during the first two weeks of July. It is purposed to renew the camp next year and to invite neighboring Pi Phi chapters to join in it.

Following games will be played by the football team: Vermont Academy at Saxton's River, Oct. 9; Rutland Institute at Middlebury, Oct. 13; Vermont Academy at Middlebury, Oct. 18; Troy Conference Academy at Poultney, Oct. 30; Rutland Institute at Rutland, Nov. 6; T. C. A. at Middlebury, Nov. 13.

The Delta Upsilon fraternity held its first annual tennis tournament on Saturday, Sept. 18, with the following results: Preliminary round—Stetson, 1900, beat Wheeler, 1900; Houghten, 1900, beat Ranslow, 1901. First round—Lobban, '98, beat Barnard, 1900; Bailey, 1901, beat Stone, '99; Barnard, 1901, beat Stafford, 1901; Stetson, 1900, beat Houghten, 1900. Second round—Stetson, 1900, beat Lobban, '98; Barnard, 1901, beat Bailey, 1901. Final round—Stetson, 1900, beat Barnard, 1901.

The first football game of the season came off Saturday, Sept. 25, on the college campus, with the R. E. C. I. team of Rutland. Middlebury kicked off. Rutland gained steadily through left tackle and around end, the ball being fumbled once but regained by Halihan. Rutland lost ball to Middlebury on the Middlebury forty-yard line. Skeels gained ten yards. Rice got through for forty yards between right tackle and right guard. Hewitt was hurt, but stayed in the game. Middlebury lost ten yards by Rutland's breaking through, and Rutland gained the ball on their thirty-yard line. They gained steadily and time was up with the ball near the centre of the field. Hewitt was hurt again in the last play, and May took his place. Neither side had scored. Second half

tions of learning of Vermont by Prof. John E. Goodrich of Burlington.

During a visit to Middlebury in vacation, George M. Wright, Esq , of New York city, one of the most active members of our college corporation, called at the library and made many inquiries as to its progress and needs. He left with Hon. L. D. Eldredge, the college treasurer, a $50 check for the purchase of books for the library.

Other gifts to the library are: Prof. C M. Mead's (class of '56) "The soul here and hereafter," from Rev. W. N. T. Dean; "Laws of Vermont for 1896," from Milton A. Brooks (class of '81); "Congregational Year Book for 1897," from W. I. Fletcher, librarian of Amherst College; Wilkinson's "Life of Swedenborg" and Swedenborg's "Apocalypse explained," six volumes, from the American Swedenborg Printing and Publishing Society; a fine copy of Long's "Thoughts of Marcus Aurelius," from Dr. Ernest Albee of Cornell University. Dr. Albee has also given the library a reprint from the "Philosophical Review" for July, 1897, of his article on "Hume's Ethical System." From Ralph K. Jones, Librarian of the University of Maine, has just been received a copy of Knight's "Birds of Maine."

Miss Mary L. Titcomb, secretary of the State board of library commissioners and of the Vermont library association, delivered an address before the Summer school for public school teachers, held in Middlebury in August last. Her subject was "Public and school libraries." She made a short call at our library and as usual had some good suggestions to offer concerning the work.

The assistant librarian attended the Amherst summer school held during the recent vacation and took the course in library economy under William I. Fletcher, librarian of Amherst college. Most of the students in attendance were librarians or assistants, and under the excellent system of instruction adopted the school was a very successful one. The course given seems admirably adapted to the needs of college librarians and ample opportunity was afforded to visit and inspect other libraries.

The "Bulletin of the Torrey Botanical Club" for July publishes under the title "Reminiscences of Botanical rambles in Vermont," C. G. Pringle's address delivered before the "Vermont Botanical Club" in February last, in which Mr. Pringle writes in terms of warm appreciation of President Brainerd's devotion to botanical investigation, expressing the wish—"Long may his form be seen among you on field-days in sedgy meadows and on wildest mountain heights—unless I can allure him away to wider, richer fields."

Among the books acquired by gift or purchase the following are some

RECENT ACCESSIONS.

Prof. C. M. Mead. The soul, here and hereafter.

C. D. Warner. Library of the world's best literature. 30 vols.

De-Toni. Sylloge algarum. 5 vols.

Marryat. Japhet in search of a father.

——— King's own.

Matthew Arnold. Last essays on church and religion.

R. C. Trench. Calderon.

Massey. Poems.

Lee. Life of Jean Paul Frederic Richter.

Madame Guyon. Spiritual torrents.

Jevons. History of Greek literature.

Henry Morley. Life of Bernard Palissy.

Chute. Physical laboratory manual.

Hopkins. Experimental science.

Kohlrausch. Introduction to physical measurements.

Howells. My literary passions.

Wendell William Shakspere.

Hoyt. Cyclopedia of practical quotations. Revised edition.

Tolstoï. The Cossacks.

Davis. New England states. 4 vols.

Swedenborg. Apocalypse explained. 6 vols.

Wilkinson. Life of Swedenborg.

Duniway. Graduate courses 1897–98.

Britton's Illustrated flora of the northern U. S.

Roberts Vermont Digest.

CLASS OF 1901.

Rena E. Avery,	Middlebury.
Fred J. Bailey,	Wells River.
Walter M. Barnard,	Granville, N. Y.
Leicester F. Benton, Jr.,	Vergennes.
Agnes A. Boardman,	East Middlebury.
Alice W. Brooks,	Worcester, Mass.
Nellie I. Button,	Rutland.
Reid L. Carr,	Middlebury.

Statistics show that Baltimore, within the last ten years, has furnished more college presidents than any other city in the Union.—*Ex.*

AUTUMN.

Oh, the autumn is here and the wobbles are ripe
And the dingases grow on the vine,
And the mellow bezinas is juicy as tripe,
While the plucky-wags hang from the line.

So strike the hew-gag, beat the blow-bag,
Biff the fuzzy-ding!
And, if we cannot ring a bell
A towel we will wring.

Oh, the gay eupidus is courting the yap,
And the abloes all shine in the sun,
While slimy and sleck lies the young guzzletap
Where wallows the bazzi-bazzum.

So blow the yam-nok, pull the fuzzy-bok,
Bang the killeeoo!
For every man will blow his nose
Till every nose is blue.

As the betsey-bugs canter around in the mud,
So gamble the puds every morn,
For the merry shun goozelum is chewing his cud
While the mongolees waltz on the lawn.

So strike the fizz ding, drink the gin-sling,
Chew the zug-zug meat!
For every man will eat boiled hare,
Till hair grows in the street.

—*O. B. Joyful in The Polytechnic.*

WHERE BEAUTY LIES.

The meadow-land was red and sere;
The sky was gray,
And gaunt the trees stood o'er the mere;
The chill wind shuddered like a ghost in fear;—
Yet in the that desert beauty lay.

Thronged life poured through a high-walled street
At middle day;
A thousand bowed at Mammon's feet,
But one stood free, did what for all was meet;—
Yet in that turmoil beauty lay.
For beauty is of men and marts,
And wastes of land beneath the sky,
Where men there are and men are not,
There still doth beauty lie.

—*Dartmouth Lit.*

She—"What do you raise in the South during the rainy season?" He—"Umbrellas."—*Ex.*

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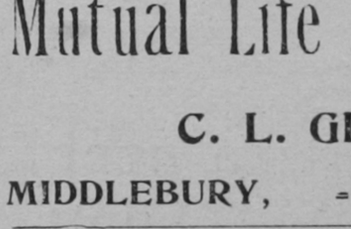

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opened with Rutland kicking out of bounds. After kicking second time, Wells carried the ball back within twenty-five yards of centre. Middlebury steadily gained, Clark making ten yards through right tackle. On a fumble, Botsford got the ball on the middle line. Middlebury held well, but Rutland forced the ball within six inches of a touchdown. Here Rutland was held for two downs, but the ball was got over on the third attempt. Stickney succeeded in kicking goal. Score: Rutland, 6; Middlebury, 0. On Middlebury's kick off, Jourbert ran back to Rutland's twenty-five yard line. In the four minutes remaining Rutland gained but slowly, owing to good tackling. At the close the ball was in the centre of the field. The line-up was as follows:

MIDDLEBURY.		RUTLAND.
Sears,	left end.	Hewitt,
Drake,	left tackle.	Hill,
Allen,	left guard.	Denno
Waterman,	centre.	Stickney,
Lawrence,	right guard.	Davis,
Dunton,	right tackle.	Putman,
Skeels,	right end.	Field,
Halpin,	quarterback.	Halihan,
Rice,	left halfback.	Botsford,
Clark,	right halfback.	Foyles,
Wells,	fullback.	Jourbert.

Y. M. C. A. Topics.—Oct. 12: Personal Responsibility. Gen. iv.: 9; Rom xiv: 12, 13—Homer L. Skeels. Oct. 19: The Attractiveness of Christ. Matt. xxi: 8–11—James A. Lobban. Oct. 26: The Law of Christ. Rom. xiii.: 10–14; Matt. xxii.: 35–40—William H. Botsford.

EXCHANGES.

THE OLDEST GRAD.

By brain or brawn in college days
He won no prize—he wore no bays;
His glory comes a trifle late—
He is—the *oldest graduate!*

—*The Bachelor of Arts.*

"You may notice," said the first violin, "Billigerheim is not boasting any more that he can play a tune on any wind instrument that ever was invented."

"Yes," said the bass drummer; "I have noticed already. What is the reason?"

"Oh! I fixed him last Saturday. I took him up to the weather bureau."

SIR WALTER SCOTT'S FIRST BRIEF.

Sir Walter Scott had his share of curious experiences shortly after being called to the bar. His first appearance as counsel in a criminal court was at Jedburg assizes in 1793, when he successfully defended a veteran poacher. "You're a lucky scoundrel," Scott whispered to his client when the verdict was given.

"I'm just of your mind," returned the latter, "and I'll send you a maukin"—namely, a hare—"the morn, man." Lockhart, who narrates the incident, omits to add whether the "maukin" duly reached Scott, but no doubt it did. —*Ex.*

Daily newspapers are now published by ten colleges and universities in the United States—Yale, Harvard, Cornell, Princeton, Brown, Stanford, Tulane, University of Pennsylvania, University of Wisconsin, and University of Michigan.—*Ex.*

WANTS THEM TO COME ANYWAY.

A western paper, with ideas of its own as to the proper method of receiving pay from those it serves, has printed the following editorial:

Persons knowing themselves indebted to this office are requested to call and settle. All those indebted to this office and not knowing it are requested to call and find out. All those knowing themselves indebted and not wishing to call are requested to stay in one place long enough for us to catch them. All those who are not indebted are requested to call and get indebted.—*Ex.*

"I am told your wife would rather cook than eat."

The other man glanced nervously over his shoulder.

They were alone.

"What she cooks, yes," he replied in a hoarse whisper.—*Ex.*

There was a young girl in our choir,
Whose voice rose hoir and hoir,
Till it reached such a height,
It was clear out of sight,
And they found it next day on the spoir.

—*Ex.*

"So he praised my singing, did he?"

"Yes; he said it was heavenly."

"Did he really say that?"

"Well, not exactly; but he probably meant that. He said it was unearthly."—*Ex.*

The college Greek-letter fraternities in the United States have a membership of 100,000, with about 650 active and 350 inactive chapters.—*Ex.*